

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1580 - HB 1729

February 13, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Expands reciprocity of specialty training licenses for individuals seeking authority to practice medicine or surgery in Tennessee. Authorizes individuals who completed a primary specialty training program accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, which is a duration of at least four years, to apply with the Department of Health for a specialty training license in order to practice such specialty in Tennessee.

Expands, from seven to ten years, the duration of time in which an individual seeking a specialty license to practice medicine or surgery in Tennessee has to complete the United States Medical Licensing Examination or its successor examination, from the time the applicant successfully completes the first step in the examination. Authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to promulgate rules and regulations creating exceptions which extend the ten-year time frame.

Authorizes the Board of Medical Examiners to issue a temporary license of limited duration to an international medical school graduate with demonstrated competence, in the discretion of the Board as special circumstances require.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Revenue - \$1,700/FY16-17/Board of Medical Examiners
\$1,700/FY17-18/Board of Medical Examiners
Exceeds \$3,200/FY18-19 and Subsequent
Years/Board of Medical Examiners**

Assumptions:

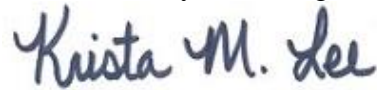
- This legislation takes effect upon becoming law. For purposes of this fiscal note, this license will become available on July 1, 2016.
- This bill will expand the number of eligible applicants for a specialty training license.
- Currently, pursuant to rule 0880-02-.02 of the Board of Medical Examiners, the following fees are imposed: an application fee of \$400, a biennial renewal fee of \$225, a \$10 state regulatory fee upon initial and renewal licensure application, and a specialty training license fee of \$25 upon initial application.
- It is assumed that there will be one additional person per year that is issued a specialty training license as a result of this legislation.
- An increase in licensure fee revenue in FY16-17 of \$435 (\$400 + \$25 + \$10).
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- An increase in licensure fee revenue in FY18-19 and subsequent years exceeding \$670 [(\$400 + \$25 + \$10) + (\$225 + \$10)].
- This bill will result in the Board of Medical Examiners issuing a new, temporary license for international students.
- An estimated fee of \$200 biennially for initial and renewal licensure. A \$10 state regulatory fee upon initial and renewal licensure application.
- According to the Department of Health, it is not possible to determine the number of international medical students licensed by boards under the Division of Health Related Boards.
- Two individuals per grand division or six (2 students x 3 grand division) international medical students will be issued temporary licenses per year.
- An increase in revenue in FY16-17 of \$1,260 [6 students x (\$200 + \$10)].
- An increase in revenue in FY17-18 of \$1,260 [6 students x (\$200 + \$10)].
- An increase in revenue in FY18-19 and subsequent years exceeding \$2,520 [(6 initial licenses + 6 renewal licenses) x (\$200 + \$10)].
- The total increase in state revenue to the Board of Medical Examiners in FY16-17 is estimated to be \$1,695 (\$435 + \$1,260).
- The total increase in state revenue to the Board of Medical Examiners in FY17-18 is estimated to be \$1,695 (\$435 + \$1,260).
- The total increase in state revenue to the Board of Medical Examiners in FY18-19 and subsequent years is estimated to exceed \$3,190 (\$670 + \$2,520).
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health related boards are required to be self-supporting over any two-year period. The Board of Medical Examiners had a deficit of \$75,431 in FY13-14, a surplus of \$359,446 in FY14-15, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$2,725,411 on June 30, 2015.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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